

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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 I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an  
 original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is  
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Automation system for solving a technical-process task and corresponding  
 method

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

[  ] was filed on 23 November 1999 as United States Application Number or PCT International  
 Application Number PCT/AT 99/00286 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified  
 specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Austria _____ (Number)	A 1972/98 _____ (Country)	24 November 1998 _____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] Yes	[      ] No
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